

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-180

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SSI/SSP PROGRAM

REFERENCE:

Two recent developments, one being a new law amending P.L. 92-603 and the other being a change in SSA payment procedure, will have a direct impact on state mandated county activities related to the SSI/SSP Program.

1. H.R. 8217 was recently enacted which permits the limited assignment of SSI/SSP benefits to allow SSA to repay counties directly for interim payments advanced to SSI applicants while their eligibility under SSI is being determined. The repayment would be made out of retroactive SSI/SSP benefits and would be sent directly to the county. Any funds received in excess of reimbursement would be forwarded to the recipient.

The law requires that an agreement be signed with SSA to implement this procedure. The state has already contacted the SSA Regional Office indicating the desire to enter into such an agreement and is currently awaiting receipt of the SSA "model" agreement so negotiations can commence.

2. On August 12, 1974, SSA implemented a new check replacement system which should result in improved processing time for nonreceipt claims. This system will be used for nonreceipt and for loss, theft, or destruction prior to endorsement of systems generated checks. It will not be used if a check was not originally issued or if a prior month's check had been previously returned.

The SSA transmittal states: "If the nonreceipt claim is input from the District Office on the third mail delivery day, the nonreceipt claimant can expect a substitute check around the 12th of the month." It should be noted that the District Office will not input prior to the third mail delivery day.

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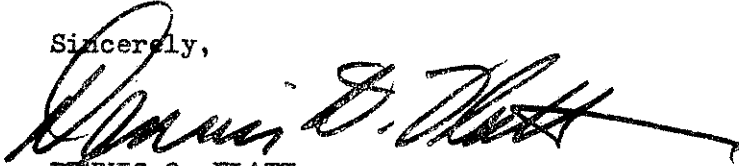
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It is expected that this new procedure will have only minimal impact on the issuance of emergency loans because of the time frames involved. However, SSA reissuance of a check within two weeks should greatly aid the repayment of emergency loans to the counties.

Further developments in the aforementioned areas will be promptly communicated to you. Should you have any questions please contact the Adult Program Management and Liaison Branch at (916) 445-0813.

Sincerely,



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